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IN THE MATTER OF THE (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL (IMPLEMENTATIONS COMMISSION'S (IMPLEMENTATI

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

As the Presiding Commissioner in this matter, I postponed the April 13 and April 16, 2004 hearings that were scheduled in the "hot-cut" portion of this proceeding. The postponement was necessitated by an e-mail from Verizon New Jersey on April 12, 2004 indicating that its witnesses would not be available for those dates. On April 13, 2004, the parties discussed the re-scheduling of the witnesses on a conference call. I have been informed by Staff that the parties mutually agreed to a new schedule of May 24 through May 27, 2004.

I have been advised of the unavailability of MCI witness, Earle Jenkins, during the week of May 24. However, MCI is attempting to pursue an alternative way of having Mr. Jenkins available, should any party have cross-examination.

Therefore, I <u>HEREBY ORDER</u> that the hot cut hearings shall commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 24, 2004 with the Verizon New Jersey panel and will continue as needed on May 25 at 1:00 p.m.; on May 26 at 2:00 p.m. and, if necessary, May 27, 2004. Due to the significant amount of time between the originally scheduled hearing dates and the dates agreed to by the parties, be advised that the date for the Board's conclusion of its hot cut review, will necessarily be affected.

DATED: April 16, 2004

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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CONNIE O. HUGHES COMMISSIONER